PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Yesterday I heard my first Whippoorwill for the season and this would seem to indicate that after many weeks of unusual weather we will at last have spring. With the good weather comes the growing season, and the time to begin preparing our plants and bloom for the show season. Every show the Society has had thus far has been a flower spectacle that has drawn praise even from the non-flower lover. We should not be satisfied with yesterday's or today's accomplishments, but strive to improve the quality of our blooms this summer.

For some reason that is perhaps not clear to myself I like the big bloom in every variety. The plant that has the ability to push out a big bloom also gives to that bloom a richness and depth of color not found in poorly cared for plants. How do we get these unusual blooms? By proper feeding of balanced plant foods. In nearly every issue of the "Seed Pod" some of our members and successful growers have had very informative articles on the growing and fertilizing of Hibiscus. If we follow the advice given most any one can have a lovely garden. But the person who will love his plants, give them that little extra touch of kindness, see that they are never hungry or thirsty is the person that will come up with a bloom "That is just a little bit better than any other bloom happens to be."

This will be the last issue of the Seed Pod before our annual meeting in St. Petersburg. The chapters should begin to give some thought to a slate of officers to carry on the work of the Society in the coming year. The past year I feel has been a successful one, the officials of the organization have worked very happily together to make it so. To the new officers coming in may we pledge our best wishes and our best efforts to make their year a successful and happy one.

S. L. Shepard
President

SHOW DATES AND INFORMATION:

May 8th - Tropical Chapter - Miami, Florida.

The Tropical Hibiscus Chapter will present its 3rd annual Hibiscus Show May 8th at the North Miami Armory, 13250 NE 8th Ave, North Miami. Show hours will be from 1:00 to 5:00. All bloom must be in place by 10:30 AM for judging. Chapters wishing to enter Chapter Displays please contact Kay Ruppert, 13235 N. W. Miami Court, Miami 68, Fla. for information and space. The theme of the show will be "May Time". Everybody is invited to come and enter bloom for competition.

June 19th - Indian River County Chapter

The Indian River County Chapter will present on June 19th. This is the only information that we have at present. If you would drop a line to the president of the chapter, Mr. E. L. Zipperer, I am sure he will give you the details.

June 26th - Ft. Myers - James E. Hendry Chapter

The James E. Hendry Chapter will hold their show this year in the Patio of the Exhibition Hall in Ft. Myers. The date is June 26th so plan to attend and bring your bloom so you can win the ribbons.

August 28th - Putnam Chapter - to be held at the Palatka Civic Center.

September 11th - Halifax Chapter - Daytona Beach

September 18th - Jacksonville Chapter

September 25th - Mid-Florida Chapter, Orlando

October 2nd - Sunset Chapter, St. Petersburg

October 9th - Deland Chapter

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